

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 928

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A RESOLUTION directing the Select Oversight Committee on Education to address the utilization of the Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System as a means of evaluation.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System (TVAAS) is a statutorily mandated testing system utilized as a component in the evaluation of teachers, schools, and Local Education Agencies; and

WHEREAS, accountability legislation has emphasized the need for school improvement plans to establish goals based, in part, on school performance as determined by value-added assessment; and

WHEREAS, legislation has tied higher education institution success to the teacher effect data of each institution's graduates; and

WHEREAS, there is renewed emphasis on value-added data to comply with annual testing requirements of ESEA/NCLB; and

WHEREAS, the data system was developed not in order to be punitive, but to be utilized as a formative instrument for the driving of instruction; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the Select Oversight Committee on Education is hereby directed to hold a hearing on the status of the utilization of the Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System as a means of evaluating individual teachers, schools, and school districts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the select Oversight Committee on Education shall hear testimony from interested parties including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Education Association, the Tennessee School Boards Association, the Tennessee Department of

Education, the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents, and the Office of Education Accountability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that information gained during this hearing shall be compiled and presented to the Chairs of the Senate and House Education Committees no later than December 15, 2008.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Select Oversight Committee on Education.